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This weekend marks the opening of college football. Are you ready? Check out the sports section for predictions, team analysis and more.

Newly renovated football stadium opens with pep rally

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University athletics intern Jhalen Caffey walked onto Hollingsworth Field's fresh grass Thursday night to greet the first crowd of fans to enter the football stadium after months of renovation.

"Welcome to the new and improved Vaught-Hemingway north end zone," Caffey said to the crowd.

The Associated Student Body kicked off this year's pep rally in front of a packed, brand-new student section. Rebels decked out in powder blue and red nearly filled up the entire north end zone of their new stadium.

Katy Perry even made an ap-

pearance, via video. The singer, who's been a Rebs fan since she visited for the 2014 game when Ole Miss beat Alabama for the first time in more than a decade, lead the crowd through the night's first Hotty Toddy chant, from all three brand new video screens around the field.

The largest screen measures a monstrous 104 feet wide by 49 feet tall and sits behind the new student section.

After Katy Perry opened up the rally, Head Coach Hugh Freeze took center field. Freeze said he wants this to be the Rebels' loudest season ever. He fired up the crowd and demonstrated how raucous cheering can break up a visiting team's play.

"We've got the greatest student

body in all of sports," Freeze said. In addition to the new north end zone, video screens and natural grass, Vaught-Hemingway also picked up an impressive new sound system. Athletics Director Ross Bjork is proud of the new speakers, and wants the fans to be just as loud.

"We have to be the loudest student section in the country," Bjork said. "That's why we built this end zone, those two new screens and that one behind you."

Both Bjork and ASB President Austin Powell referred to Ole Miss' creed in their speeches. Powell pointed out that a pep rally was the perfect end to Creed

SEE **PEP RALLY** PAGE 3 Students scream the HYDR chant during Thursday night's pep rally.

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COLUMN Kaepernick was right to sit down during national anthem



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San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick sent the nation into a media frenzy after he refused to stand for the playing of the national anthem last Sunday. Kaepernick told NFL media, "I am not going to stand up to show pride

in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color. To me, this is bigger than football and it would be selfish on my part to look the other way. There are bodies in the street and people getting paid leave and getting away with murder."

Does his method of protest go too far? Is Kaepernick's protest unpatriotic? Well it depends on who you ask. If you ask a man in a "Make America Great Again" baseball cap, he will unequivocally declare that Kaepernick is a disgrace; however, if you ask someone left of center, she will tell you that she stands by his decision to express himself in this fashion.

assumptions lying underneath each premise and the experiences lived by each individual. For Kaepernick and me, a black gay male, when we think about patriotism we simultaneously think about our "place" as citizens. Furthermore, we think about the liberties and protections afforded to us as citizens. Almost immediately once we begin pondering such things, a vigorous disgust, an intense outrage and a candid disdain brews within our core. For a majority of minorities, we begin to think about our country's dark history and the current climate of police brutality, systematic oppression, and institutional racism.

because of their melanin live in food deserts. In the same vein, we think about how Jamal will not get calls for interviews but Becky will. We think about how Nicki Minaj gets shamed for twerking, but Miley Cyrus gets away with it by appropriating the dance and making it mainstream for white America. We think about how riding in a group together makes us a target for the police (DWB-driving while black). And of course, we think about the daily shootings of black men and women at the hands of trigger-happy cops.

When thinking about America or saying the pledge, it is impossible for us to sepa-The reasons for these dif- We think about little boys and rate these facts from the flag

he feels let down. Kaepernick sat down to stand for equal protection and due process of the law. Kaepernick sat down to stand for social justice and equity. Standing and covering one's heart as a pledge of allegiance to a country who deliberately refuses to protect you is futile, and for this reason Kaepernick's decision to sit down during the anthem is justified.

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Week, and Bjork touched on Ole Miss' reputation of respect.

"We need to be loud, but respectful," Bjork said. "We respect our opponents. We have a creed."

Senior Class President Saxon Nelson did not make a speech, but did show up to enjoy to the rally. This was his first time seeing the upgraded Vaught, and he said he was impressed.

"I didn't come to the pep rally last year, but I had to come out here to see this awesome stuff," Nelson said.

Later in the rally, cheerleader and self-proclaimed "new 2016 hype man for Ole Miss" Lee Williams bounced around the end zone and taught the crowd three original cheers.

Richard and Tammy Jenkins are big fans of Williams. Fifty-eight and 57 years old respectively, the couple drove down from Chattanooga, Tennessee for a family reunion and to visit Richard's alma mater. He graduated in 1981 and says the Vaught's differences are huge.

"We're no longer also-rans here," Jenkins said. "This place shows we're a big powerhouse now. It's beautiful out here."

Fifth-year senior and hospitality management major Peter Moss can't wait to watch kickoff from the Vaught's new student section.

"It's my last season, so I'm glad we're doing it big," Moss said. "The souped up Vaught was definitely a part of my decision to come back for one more semester."





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TOP: Students lock the Vaught at the pep rally on Thursday night. BOTTOM LEFT: ASB President Austin Powell thanks students for attending the pep rally. BOTTOM RIGHT: Head Coach Hugh Freeze speaks at the pep rally, encouraging students to be louder and more energetic than ever at home games this season.





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Avoid the freshman 15 with Oxford's array of options

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If you're a new student at the university, you may have discovered that only a short walk separates you from indulging in fried delicacies and pizza slices galore on campus.

Despite the daunting pressure of balancing school, work and play, there are plenty of opportunities on campus and within the Oxford area to combat the frightening "freshman 15."

Located right here on campus is the Turner Center, Ole Miss' recreation facility.

With a newly installed rubber floor, the third floor fitness center has an improved cleanliness, sound and aesthetic. The Turner Center also includes basketball courts, an indoor track, an Olympic-sized swimming pool and several rooms for group fitness classes.

The center has also revamped their group fitness schedule this year with a host of new classes. Entrance to these classes requires a FitSticker, which can be purchased for \$20 a semester.

"Some of our instructors are very creative and have added classes such as Booty Bootcamp, Clubbin' Cardio, and we're even doing a heated yoga class," fitness coordinator Andy Karch said. "We now also have an outdoor fitness class. Rebel Bootcamp is at the intramural fields and uses less traditional equipment such as sleds, sand-



Junior Kate Wilson participates in Rebel Boot Camp, a fitness program hosted by the Turner Center, on Thursday at the Intramural Fields.

bags, agility ladders, medicine balls, kettlebells, battle ropes and a whole lot more."

The center holds job fairs at the beginning of each semester for students interested in employment. Individuals looking to become certified must enter a semester-long group fitness shadow program, where they are paired with a veteran instructor and slowly learn to teach a group fitness class on their own.

Students like senior integrated marketing communications major Kendrick Pittman have learned the importance of leading a healthy, balanced lifestyle while in college. Pittman is currently employed as a personal trainer at Anytime Fitness on Jackson Avenue, while also attending the National Academy of Sports Medicine to obtain his national certification.

Pittman trains individuals by helping them create a personalized fitness program titled with their last name, each letter spelling out what becomes a motivational acronym to push them through workouts. Customized programs include exercises targeted towards the fitness goals individuals wish to achieve.

"I like to motivate people and to see people succeed. I feed off that," he said. "It's not the freshman 15. It's 25 or 30. It's very important that you keep your body in shape, and you have to eat right. I feel like it has a major effect on what happens in the classroom."

There are also off-campus op-

portunities to stay in shape, like Oxford Crossfit, which provides a program scaled to meet your skill level. Workouts can last anywhere from 5 to 45 minutes, including a mix of strength, body weight, basic gymnastics, cardio and endurance training.

Membership at Oxford Crossfit is \$86 per month as an individual and \$120 for a family.

"We try to keep it low for everybody," owner Brady Williamson said. "We've got law enforcement, military and of course, students."

But for those new to Crossfit, Williamson insists the hardest part is walking in the door.

"You'll see everybody, regardless of athletic ability, going through the same type of movements and struggling. You got to have the mentality to push through and enjoy the benefits afterwards."

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From the sports desk: college football pick 'em week one



NO. 4 FLORIDA STATE SEMINOLES VS. NO. 11 OLE MISS REBELS

Brian Scott Rippee, sports editor: It'd be different if this game were in late October, but give me the quarterback experience and Ole Miss' receivers in game one. The Noles are loaded with talent, especially defensively, but the Rebels win a tight one.

Cody Thomason, assistant sports editor: Usually, I'm pretty pessimistic when it comes to picking Ole Miss games. I'm going to give Chad Kelly and the Rebels the victory this time, but Florida State will be ready to play.

Sparky Reardon, former Ole Miss dean of students: It's time. Rebels win.



NO. 1 ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE VS. NO. 20 USC TROJANS

BR: Max Browne is making his first career start at quarterback for the Trojans against Nick Saban. Play hard, kid. Alabama wins big.

CT: USC should be improved this season, but Alabama is still the defending National Champion. Alabama's defense should have the edge in this one.

SR: Five stars vs. Movie stars.Lynyrd Skynyrd vs. The Grateful Dead. Grits vs. Granola. Alabama wins.



NO. 5 LSU TIGERS VS. WISCONSIN BADGERS

BR: Wisconsin will make this closer than most think, but too much Leonard Fournette and LSU runs away with it in the 4th quarter

CT: My prediction comes down to one player: Leonard Fournette. Wisconsin is always a quality team, but I expect a big debut for the Heisman candidate.

SR: Boudin vs. Bratwurst. Abita vs. Old Milwaukee. Cheese heads vs. Coon, nah not going to go there. LSU wins.



NO. 18 GEORGIA BULLDOGS VS. NO. 22 NORTH CAROLINA TAR HEELS

BR: This should be an interesting first chapter to the Kirby Smart era. This game will be close, but I think the Bulldogs escape with a win by a field goal.

CT: Its a tough matchup for Georgia to start the Kirby Smart era. I expect Georgia to win a close victory, but this could go either way.

SR: We'll find out how smart Kirby really is. I think the Heels take this one.



NO. 2 CLEMSON TIGERS VS. AU-BURN TIGERS

BR: Clemson sees Auburn's Sean White and raises them a DeShaun Watson. Auburn will be fired up early at home, but Clemson wins this convincingly

CT: Auburn had a rough season last year, and I do expect them to be improved this season. However, Clemson is returning some key players from their title run last season and should run away with this one.

SR: Gotta love a coach with a name like "Dabo". Clemson wins.



NO. 3 OKLAHOMA SOONERS VS. NO. 15 HOUSTON COUGERS

BR: I can't pick against Baker Mayfield and Oklahoma, but Tom Herman is building a great program at Houston. Led by Greg Ward Jr, the Cougars win in a shootout.

CT: Houston should have a good offense with dual-threat quarterback Greg Ward Jr. returning. Oklahoma's offense should be even better with quarterback Baker Mayfield. Sooners have the edge here.

SR: I had a cougar after me last week; she was 92. I'm taking the Sooners.



NO. 16 UCLA BRUINS VS. TEXAS A&M AGGIES

BR: I think the Aggies are the sleeper of the SEC. Some forget Trevor Knight helped beat Alabama in a Sugar Bowl and now he's under center for Texas A&M. I think Jim Mora has done a fine job at UCLA but the Aggies win and make an early statement

CT: A lot of people think the Aggies are a great sleeper pick in the SEC this season. While that could be true, I think Josh Rosen and the Bruins will have the offense to win this one.

SR: Aggies could play with a thirteenth man and it wouldn't help. UCLA wins

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SPORTS

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A breakdown of this weekend's college matchups

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The 2016 college football season kicks off with many key matchups thanks to an SEC scheduling rule that requires all SEC schools to play at least one out-of-conference Power 5 school or Notre Dame. For some, this could spell trouble. For others, such as Alabama and Ole Miss, it's a great chance to show off the strength of the conference and an opportunity to boost their chances for a seat in the College Football Playoffs. Either way, for fans it spells out great football from week one.



No. 16 UCLA vs Texas A&M (Sept. 3, 2:30)

No. 16 UCLA has to travel to College Station to face Kevin Sumlin and his Aggies. Sophomore QB Josh Rosen, accompanied by the receiving combo of Kenneth Walker III and Darren Andrews, is expected to have a breakout year. Despite the loss of Myles Jack to the draft, the defense is still strong with the return of All-Conference players OLB Deon Hollins, S Jaleel Wadood and DB Randall Goforth. Texas A&M lost two quarterbacks last year with the departure of Kyler Murray and Kyle Allen but gained graduate transfer Trevor Knight. Texas A&M is also returning the dynamic receiving corps of Josh Reynolds, Christian Kirk, Speedy Noil and Ricky Seals-Jones. They are also returning All-American pass rusher Myles Garrett, who I'm sure will prove to be a nuisance for UCLA offensive line. Provided that Trevor Knight can get the ball to one of his many talented receivers, A&M should be able to pull off the upset. However, if Texas A&M can't pull off this win, there will probably be hot seat talk for Kevin Sumlin.

No. 5 LSU vs Wisconsin (Sept. 3, 2:30 P.M.)

Wisconsin has a virtual home game when the Tigers travel to Lambeau Field to take on The Badgers. Although they have a question mark at quarterback, Heisman hopeful Leonard Fournette, who ran for 1,953 yards and 22 touchdowns last year, should give the Tigers a good chance to show their worth and make a name for themselves early in the College Football Playoff conversation. Wisconsin's biggest task will be stopping Fournette, but that will prove to be a task that is easier said than done.



No. 20 USC vs No. 1 Alabama (Sept. 3, 7:00 P.M.)

No. 1 Alabama is coming off a National Championship victory but have many key players to replace, including Derrick Henry and Reggie Ragland. Alabama also has the season-opening question mark at quarterback. On defense, Alabama returns All-American DB Eddie Jackson and DL Jonathan Allen, both of whom will spell trouble for USC's offense. USC will return All-American WR Juju Smith-Schuster and All-Conference DB Adoree' Jackson. Both should prove to be a nuisance on their respective ends. For Alabama, this is a must-win game if they hope to reach the CFP again and Nick Saban doesn't lose must-win games.

No. 11 Ole Miss vs No. 4 Florida State (Sept. 5, 7:00 P.M.)

Ole Miss is returning Chad Kelly, who is arguably one of the best quarterbacks in college football. Couple that with the receiving corps of TE Evan Engram, who is the all-time leader in receptions and receiving yards by a tight end in Rebel history, wide receivers Damore'ea Stringfellow and Quincy Adeboyejo, plus star safety Tony Bridges, and you have a team that is worthy of being in any CFP conversation. Jimbo Fisher decided to go with true freshman quarterback Deondre Francois at quarterback after Sean Maguire was injured, but the return of Heisman hopeful Dalvin Cook and the receiving corps of Travis Rudolph and Kermit Whitfield could take pressure off the young quarterback. Provided Ole Miss can slow down Dalvin Cook and force FSU to beat them by air, the Rebels should be able to leave Orlando 1 - 0.

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No. 2 Clemson vs Auburn (Sept. 3, 8:00 P.M.)

Clemson is coming off a loss in the 2016 College Football Championship and they are hoping to return to the CFP this year. With the return of key elements QB Deshaun Watson, **RB** Wayne Gallman and DT Carlos Watkins, it shouldn't prove to be too difficult of a task. Auburn returns QB Jeremy Johnson, who finished the 2015 season with 10 touchdowns and seven interceptions and lost his starting job halfway though the season. Clemson will probably run away with this game. For Auburn, this will probably be the beginning of hot seat talk for Guz Malzahn.





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games into the yard took a bigger stage, and in Deandre's case, a different sport entirely in basketball. But make no mistake about it, the two were stars.

Deandre was a Parade All-American his junior year of high school. He was one of two players from the state of Florida to receive that honor. He averaged 37 points per game as a senior and signed a scholarship to play at Miami in 2013.

A year later, Dalvin rushed for over 1,900 yards and 24 touchdowns on his way to being crown Florida's Mr. Football. He took his talents north to Tallahassee and signed with Florida State. All the while, the two were driven to make their family proud.

"Growing up that's all we talked about, playing in the NBA and the NFL and just making our parents and our family happy and retiring our mama. That's it," Deandre said.

If there is one thing that's clear about their upbringing, it's that family comes first.

"Family before anything," Deandre said. "That's all we preach. Family, family, family."

They are there for each other. Dalvin was there for Deandre when he was forced to undergo two surgeries, one on his shoulder and another on his wrist during his freshman year at Miami.

A year later, when Dalvin was the one going under the knife for a shoulder injury, it was of the same.

"Just hearing him talk, he tells my mama every day how he looks up to me and my work ethic an everything and how much I've battled back from two surgeries, it helped him when he had his surgery. We're real close. My brothers are everything to me," Deandre recalled.

Being the two oldest, they pride themselves on being role models for their four younger siblings as well.

"Even now, whenever they need anything, sometimes they don't want to call our parents so they call me and Dalvin to ask for advice or anything in life in general," Deandre said. "Growing up I feel like they looked up to us so whenever they need anything they call upon us."

Now, they're more than 400 miles apart, and even further from home. Dalvin is a Heisman Trophy favorite for the No. 4 Seminoles and after Deandre transferred to Ole Miss in 2014, he's eligible to play for the Rebels and will be a key component in a team looking to replace the likes of Stefan Moody.

But none of that has changed their relationship. They talk almost daily.

"We talk about the game. We talk about life in general. We talk about everything. He is my best friend, basically. We talk about everything," Dean-



COURTESY: DEANDRE BURNETT

Deandre Burnett and Dalvin Cook pose for a picture together. Burnett, a junior Miami basketball transfer, and Cook, a junior Florida State running back, are brothers.

dre said. "Whenever we need to talk, we've got each other. No matter what time of the day it is we know we can call each other and talk so it means a lot to have that person in your life and that friend that you can always call and talk to. To have him be a brother is even more special."

They're each other's biggest fans. They converse after one of them has a game, mainly because the other one is always watching.

"Talking about it right now brings chills to my skin. It just makes me happy to see him do good things and just know that's my brother. It makes me extremely proud of him," Deandre said. "Right now as we speak I'm watching one of his football games against Clemson and he had a big game. It motivates me. Watching him and my little brother it makes me want to succeed as well. It pushes me to keep working."

They motivate each other, and it's rubbed off on 16-year-old James, who is already committed to Florida State and is one of the top running backs in his class.

"I think with my little brother James, it helped him get to the level that he is now because he watched us compete and get better every day. I think it helped him seeing that every day," Deandre said.

Though their days in the yard at the corner of 183rd and 37th have come to an end, there is still time for some friendly competition, and when they're home for the holidays, it'll resume again.

"I'm not going to play him in basketball. All he does is foul me every time we play," Deandre joked. "But in football, I don't know if I could tackle him. But we'll be running routes and stuff and I think I can hang in there pretty well."

The distance between the two may be tough, but they know they're living out a dream. That same dream they spoke of so often as kids, with family motivating them every step of the way.

"First things first, you've got to love the game. We both love the sport. He loves football and I love basketball," Deandre said. "But next you've got to have a purpose behind that, a reason that drives you each and every day when you wake up, and it's our family, to make them happy and retire them."

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SPORTS

Deandre Burnett and Dalvin Cook: motivated by family

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It's a typical school day afternoon in 2007 for middle schoolers Deandre Burnett and Dalvin Cook. The two brothers are walking home from Carol City Middle School together, just as they always do.

They're eager to get to the corner of 183rd and 37th Avenue to their home of eight in Miami Gardens in Miami, Florida. Once they arrive, they'll grab a football and head out to the yard.

"We played football all day every day. That's all we did. We'd get in trouble for playing in the house, everything," Deandre said.

They are just a year apart, Deandre the older brother. They competed at everything.

"It was very competitive. We competed at everything we did because growing up we played multiple sports," Deandre said. "I didn't start playing basketball until I was older, but we played football and baseball so we always competed at everything he did."

Usually accompanied by their younger 16-year-old brother James and cousin Anthony Jones, they'd square off in some front yard football before heading to their school football prac-

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Florida State running back Dalvin and Cook Miami transfer Deandre Burnett.

tice later on.

It was a daily routine.

"We'd wake up, go to school together, walk home from school together and we're back in the front yard playing football until it was time to go to football practice," Deandre said. "After football practice, we'd get ready to do the same thing over and over again."

Deandre remembers one instance when the game in the yard turned into a brotherly tussle.

"We were all in the front yard playing football and I hit him pretty hard. We got into a little scuffle or fight, and settled it how brothers settled it, playing football and laughed it out," Deandre said laughing.

Deandre and Dalvin are the oldest of six kids. They have a brother and three sisters. The two were inseparable.

"We did everything together.

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When one got in trouble, the other got in trouble, it was everything," Deandre said. "Whenever you saw me, you saw Dalvin, whenever you saw Dalvin, you'd see me. We always hung around each other. That's just how we were."

As the years went by, the SEE **BROTHERS** PAGE 7



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